



AMERICAN SOLUTIONS

The House Republican Plan for Jobs, Opportunity, and Freedom



House Republicans

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OUR AMERICAN SOLUTIONS

A neighbor who struggles to find a good-paying job. A husband who now works just part time. A young woman who drops out of college because she cannot afford tuition. A friend who lost her coverage and can no longer see her doctor.

Too many Americans are falling further and further behind – living paycheck to paycheck and worrying about their family's future.

Now – more than ever – Americans need real solutions. Solutions to help create jobs, build a healthy economy, and lead to greater freedom and opportunity. Solutions that help everyone get ahead and achieve a better life. Solutions that empower all Americans – no matter who you are or where you come from – because government should not limit where you finish because of where you started.

That's what House Republicans advance every single day.

"American Solutions: The House Republican Plan for Jobs, Opportunity and Freedom" outlines key legislative solutions crafted by House Republicans to achieve this vision.

Despite being the minority party in Democratic-run Washington, House Republicans have offered a solutions-based agenda and worked tirelessly to implement it on behalf of the American people. Whether it is legislation that would create jobs immediately, or put more money in people's paychecks, or provide skills training for those looking for work, or give Americans greater choice when it comes to their health care, House Republicans have solutions that make people's lives better. Unfortunately, dozens of these bills are stuck on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's desk as he chooses day after day to put personal politics above helping people.

House Republican solutions are not only sensible and innovative; they're inclusive and pragmatic. They promote a more accountable and effective government – one that works for the American people and gives them the opportunity to succeed in the 21st century. These American solutions move us closer as a nation to the long-term vision Speaker Boehner has articulated for resetting our nation's economic foundation, and will be a focus of House Republicans' dialogue with the American people during the August district work period.

Our American Solutions put the American people first.



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**CREATE JOBS & BUILD
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CREATING JOBS AND BUILDING A HEALTHY ECONOMY

Americans are empowered when they can secure good-paying jobs and bring home higher paychecks. Our plan helps our economy create jobs and helps Americans take home more of their pay.



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SOLUTIONS

NORTHERN ROUTE APPROVAL ACT

H.R. 3 - Rep. Lee Terry

DOMESTIC PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL FREEDOM ACT

H.R. 6 - Rep. Cory Gardner

NATIONAL STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MINERALS PRODUCTION ACT

H.R. 761 - Rep. Mark Amodei

SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL ACCESS AND JOB PRESERVATION ACT

H.R. 1105 - Rep. Robert Hurt

ENERGY CONSUMERS RELIEF ACT

H.R. 1582 - Rep. Bill Cassidy

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PERMITTING REFORM ACT

H.R. 1900 - Rep. Mike Pompeo

RESPONSIBLE AND PROFESSIONAL INVIGORATING DEVELOPMENT ACT

H.R. 2641 - Rep. Tom Marino

PROTECTING STATES' RIGHTS TO PROMOTE AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT

H.R. 2728 - Rep. Bill Flores

PREVENTING GOVERNMENT WASTE AND PROTECTING COAL MINING JOBS IN AMERICA ACT

H.R. 2824 - Rep. Bill Johnson

PERMANENT INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

H.R. 3086 - Rep. Bob Goodlatte

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

H.R. 3301 - Rep. Fred Upton

INNOVATION ACT

H.R. 3309 - Rep. Bob Goodlatte

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

H.R. 3474 - Rep. Rodney Davis

ELECTRICITY SECURITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

H.R. 3826 - Rep. Ed Whitfield

AMERICAN RESEARCH AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT

H.R. 4438 - Rep. Kevin Brady

S CORPORATION PERMANENT TAX RELIEF ACT

H.R. 4453 - Rep. Dave Reichert

AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2014

H.R. 4457 - Rep. Pat Tiberi

LOWERING GAS PRICES TO FUEL AN AMERICA THAT WORKS ACT

H.R. 4899 - Rep. Doc Hastings

CHILD TAX CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

H.R. 4935 - Rep. Lynn Jenkins

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY INCLUDE:

Enacted trade agreements with Panama, Colombia, and South Korea that are opening markets for American-made goods.

(H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, and H.R. 3080 - 112th Congress)

Protected 99 percent of Americans from permanent tax hikes, and locked in lower rates on the estate tax and the tax on capital gains and dividends.

Enacted the most significant spending reductions in modern history - more significant than under President Reagan and Speaker O'Neill and President Clinton and Speaker Gingrich.

Enacted reforms that help entrepreneurs access the capital they need to grow and hire.

(H.R. 3606 - 112th Congress)

Enacted reforms that modernize America's patent system for innovators and job creators.

(H.R. 1249 - 112th Congress)

Enacted reforms that strengthen our water transportation networks to promote competitiveness, prosperity and economic growth.

(H.R. 3080 - 113th Congress)

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CAREER SKILLS WORKSHOP

Rep. Joe Heck invited jobseekers to a career workshop along with employers who were hiring.

HOW IT WORKS: Partner with state and local government employment, training, and unemployment divisions to provide curricula and instructors for the skills workshops. Also invite local business owners and managers to speak about what they are looking for in new hires and helpful tips. Popular workshops include: My Elevator Speech, Dress for a Successful Interview, Resume & Cover Letter Workshop/Critique, Veteran Benefits, and Interview Skills.

BENEFITS: Workshops create a valuable distinction between your event and other jobs fairs. It prepares jobseekers with professional instruction that is immediately useful to them. It also connects people with resources that will continue to be available to them beyond the duration of the event.



MAIN STREET BUSINESS TOUR

Head to a city in your district and stop by a number of small businesses along “Main Street.”

HOW IT WORKS: Contact the local Chamber of Commerce to help schedule business visits along “Main Street.” Make sure to meet with both the business owners and employees working different jobs at the company.

BENEFITS: This tour is an opportunity to listen and speak with a variety of employees and businesses in a short time and a chance to hear from them about issues on their minds.

**OUR PLAN HELPS
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TAKE HOME MORE
OF THEIR PAY.**







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**PROMOTE MORE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**



House Republicans



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PROMOTING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Americans are empowered when they have the opportunity to get ahead. Our plan ensures that all Americans - no matter where they start - have the opportunity to succeed through greater access to higher education, affordable tuition, and strong careers.



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STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

H.R. 5 - Rep. John Kline

SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT

H.R. 10 - Rep. John Kline

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

H.R. 803 - Rep. Virginia Foxx

PRESERVING WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR WELFARE PROGRAMS ACT

H.R. 890 - Rep. Dave Camp

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

H.R. 1406 - Rep. Martha Roby

VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

H.R. 2481 - Rep. Bill Flores

STUDENT AND FAMILY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

H.R. 3393 - Rep. Diane Black

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT

H.R. 4366 - Rep. Todd Rokita

AMERICA GIVES MORE ACT

H.R. 4719 - Rep. Tom Reed

CHILD TAX CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

H.R. 4935 - Rep. Lynn Jenkins

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, AS AMENDED

H.R. 4983 - Rep. Virginia Foxx

STEM EDUCATION ACT OF 2014

H.R. 5031 - Rep. Lamar Smith

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY INCLUDE:

Enacted student loan reform that ties interest rates to the market, making it easier to pay for college.

(H.R. 1911 - 113th Congress)

Enacted job training reform that helps connect unemployed Americans with the skills they need to take on good-paying jobs.

(H.R. 803 - 113th Congress)

Enacted a farm bill that supports small businesses and beginning farmers and ranchers with training access to capital.

(H.R. 2642 - 113th Congress)

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VISIT A LOCAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Chairman John Kline toured a classroom to learn about the innovative ways charter schools meet the unique needs of students.

HOW IT WORKS: Locate a charter school in your district. Tour the school and discuss how the charter school is uniquely equipped to better serve students and the needs of the local community.

BENEFITS: This is a great opportunity to highlight the work House Republicans are doing to remove barriers to charter school growth and ensure all students have access to a quality education.



CONNECTING CAREERS & CLASSROOMS

Rep. Susan Brooks bridged the gap between schools and various employment sectors to ensure students are aware of and ready for the career paths available to them.

HOW IT WORKS: Set up for high school educators and local businesses, this event helps employers and educators learn about the skills students need to work in a particular industry. They are able to view the workplace first-hand and learn about effective school/business collaboration.

BENEFITS: There are four million unfilled jobs in America, yet too many graduates do not have the skills to fill them. This event encourages collaboration between businesses and schools to provide educators and students a better understanding of local opportunities.



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ADVANCE PATIENT- CENTERED HEALTH CARE



House Republicans



ADVANCING PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH CARE

Americans are empowered when they are free to make their own health care decisions. Our plan starts over with real health care reform that lets patients choose the plans they want, the doctors they need, and the costs they can afford.



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REPEAL THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

H.R. 45 - Rep. Michele Bachmann

KEEP THE IRS OFF YOUR HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2013

H.R. 2009 - Rep. Tom Price

SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT OF 2013

H.R. 2575 - Rep. Todd Young

DELAY THE EMPLOYER MANDATE

H.R. 2667 - Rep. Tim Griffin

FAIRNESS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

H.R. 2668 - Rep. Todd Young

NO SUBSIDIES WITHOUT VERIFICATION ACT

H.R. 2775 - Rep. Diane Black

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT OF 2013

H.R. 3350 - Rep. Fred Upton

HEALTH EXCHANGE SECURITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2014

H.R. 3811 - Rep. Joe Pitts

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT OF 2014

H.R. 3979 - Rep. Lou Barletta

SIMPLE FAIRNESS ACT

H.R. 4118 - Rep. Lynn Jenkins

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY INCLUDE:

Repeal of the small business paperwork “1099” mandate.
(H.R. 4 - 112th Congress)

Cuts of \$2.2 billion to a “stealth public plan” and freezing the IRS budget.
(H.R. 1473 - 112th Congress)

Savings of another \$13 billion for taxpayers by adjusting eligibility for Obamacare programs.
(H.R. 674 - 112th Congress)

More cuts to CO-OPs, IPAB, and the IRS.
(H.R. 2055 - 112th Congress)

Billions in savings from Obamacare slush funds.
(H.R. 3630 - 112th Congress)

\$670 million in savings from the controversial “Louisiana Purchase.”
(H.R. 4348 - 112th Congress)

Repeal of the unsustainable CLASS program.
(H.R. 8 - 113th Congress)

A tightening of income verification requirements for people applying for federal subsidies.
(H.R. 2775 - 113th Congress)

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HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rep. Patrick Meehan invited a small group of health care professionals to join him for a roundtable discussion of the President's health care law.

HOW IT WORKS: Allow participants to talk about their personal experiences. Including doctors to present adds a personal touch to the discussion and offers an important perspective on the President's health care law from those who understand the system best.

BENEFITS: This event highlights those stories and enables the media to put a human face on these challenges. Use this as an opportunity to highlight the House Republican plan to allow patients to choose the plan they want, the doctors they need, and the costs they can afford.




MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TOUR

Invite local leaders in the mental health community to attend a tour of a mental health facility in your district.

HOW IT WORKS: Contact the Health and Human Services Department in your state for information on mental health or behavioral health facilities. Invite them to join you on the tour to discuss mental health first aid and steps Congress can take to improve mental health first aid training.

BENEFITS: This is an opportunity to receive first-hand knowledge of the issues facing the mental health community and highlight the work being done in Congress to ensure all communities have the resources needed to keep families safe.





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PROTECT AMERICANS AT HOME AND ABROAD



House Republicans

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PROTECTING AMERICANS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Americans are empowered when they are safe at home. Our plan secures our borders, achieves energy independence, and gives our military, intelligence, and law enforcement professionals the tools they need to protect Americans at home and abroad.



CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

H.R. 624 - Rep. Mike Rogers

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2013

H.R. 756 - Rep. Michael McCaul

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

H.R. 1960 - Rep. Buck McKeon

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

H.R. 4870 - Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen

**OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
HOUSE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY
INCLUDE:**

Aggressive oversight of the Obama Administration, including Benghazi and the Taliban prisoner exchange.

Prohibited the transfer of terrorist detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the United States.

Enacted full and robust funding for missile defense programs.

Enacted stronger U.S. sanctions against the Iranian regime.

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ALL-OF-THE ABOVE ENERGY TOUR

Rep. Vicky Hartzler toured energy companies to identify infrastructure and producers that fuel the energy sector and create jobs in her district.

HOW IT WORKS: Tour energy locations and organize a public forum to highlight key issues. Invite state and local leaders and energy experts to highlight major issues in the state and determine the impact of federal policies.

BENEFITS: This provides an opportunity to discuss the House Republican plan for American energy independence and to highlight the proactive solutions you are working on to address the rising costs of energy.

MILITARY BASE TOUR

Plan a visit to a military base in your district or partner with other Members in your area to do a joint visit of a nearby military base.

HOW IT WORKS: Tour the military base and meet with military leaders following the tour to discuss their needs or concerns.

BENEFITS: This is an opportunity to learn about the day-to-day operations at the base as well as make connections with military leaders in your district.



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A machine gun is positioned on a rocky, brown ridge. The background features a bright, hazy sky with a large, glowing light source on the left side. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

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HOLD THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

UNITED STATES

Internal
Revenue
Service
Building



House Republicans

← Visitors
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HOLDING THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

Americans are empowered when their government works for them. Our plan rejects outdated bureaucracy and creates a 21st-century government that answers to all Americans with greater accountability, openness, and efficiency.

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REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINTY ACT

H.R. 367 - Rep. Todd Young

UNFUNDED MANDATES INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

H.R. 899 - Rep. Virginia Foxx

TAXPAYERS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

H.R. 1423 - Rep. James Lankford

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2014

H.R. 1944 - Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner

STOP IRS ACT

H.R. 2565 - Rep. Jim Renacci

TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2013

H.R. 2768 - Rep. Peter Roskam

ACHIEVING LESS EXCESS IN REGULATION AND REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT

H.R. 2804 - Rep. George Holding

STOP GOVERNMENT ABUSE ACT

H.R. 2879 - Rep. Lynn Jenkins

STOP TARGETING OF POLITICAL BELIEFS BY THE IRS ACT OF 2014

H.R. 3865 - Rep. Dave Camp

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY INCLUDE:

Banned earmarks, eliminating a source of excessive spending and broken government.

Made significant cuts to Congress' budget, including a 13.8 percent reduction in spending on House operations.

Enacted reforms that provide the public with consistent, reliable, searchable spending data for the federal government.

(H.R. 2061 - 113th Congress)

Made the House more open and transparent, including posting legislative data online in XML and in bulk, and live streaming the House floor and committee hearings.

Instituted a more open process that has allowed both the majority and minority to offer more amendments and have more debate, thereby providing more opportunities to improve and scrutinize legislation.

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REGULATIONS COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Rep. Billy Long hosted a roundtable discussion for community business leaders to discuss how government regulations are impacting their industries and ability to hire workers.

HOW IT WORKS: Select community business leaders who have contacted you about the impact of regulations. Let each person talk about which regulations are hurting them most and provide examples of how regulations are holding their companies back from growing the economy.

BENEFITS: This roundtable is an opportunity to hear directly from business leaders about the impact of the policies and regulations enacted by Washington. The roundtable also creates the ability for business leaders to network with each other and discuss what they can do at the local level to share the negative impact of onerous regulations.



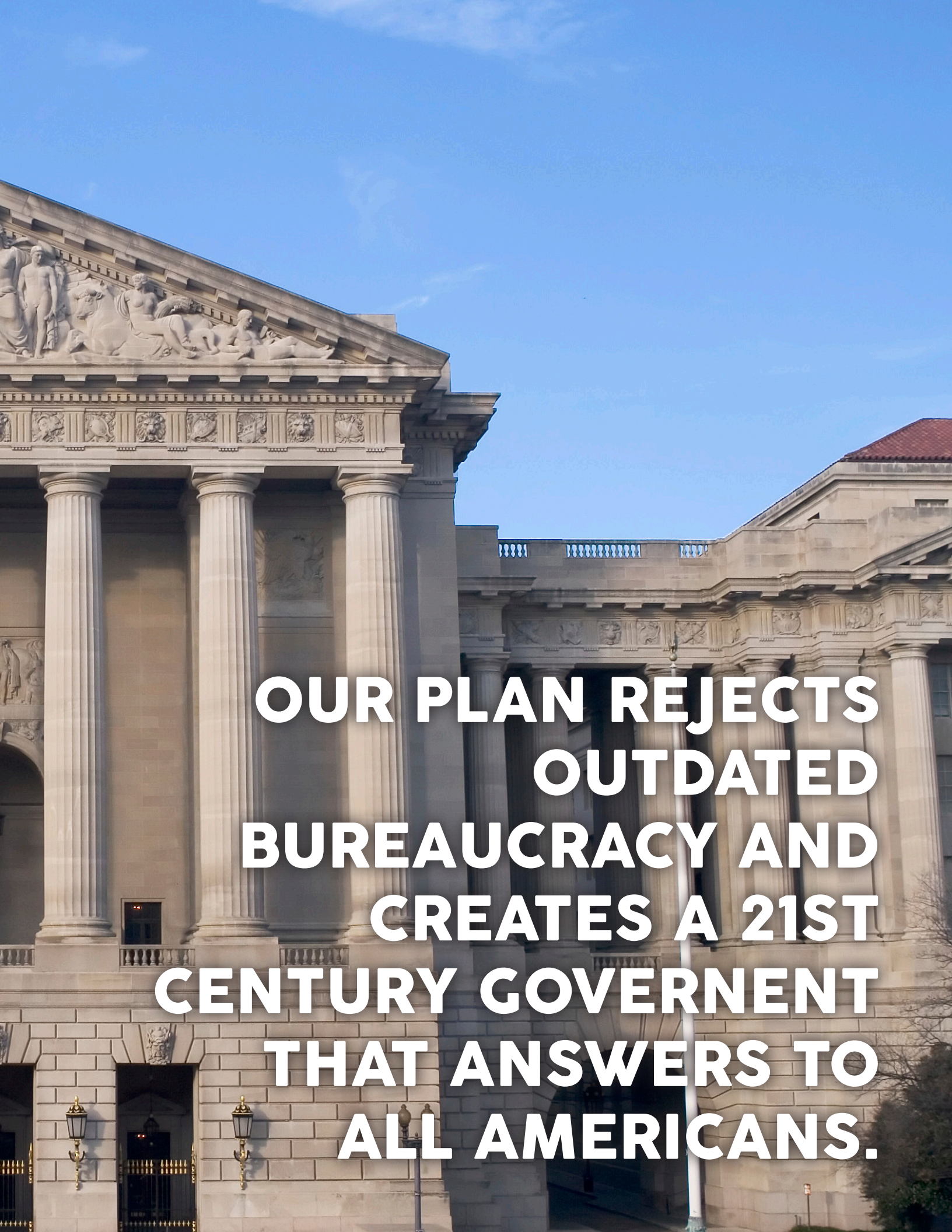
VETERANS TOWN HALL

Rep. Gus Bilirakis held a public town hall for veterans to discuss experiences they have had with local VA offices.

HOW IT WORKS: Invite local veterans to attend the town hall. Have a candid conversation about the good, the bad, and the ugly at the VA, and then brainstorm possible solutions.

BENEFITS: This event allows the opportunity to gather direct feedback from veterans and share with them specific legislation the House has passed which would help fix the VA.





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